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**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX**

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**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 20-Feb-04**

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)	ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY			
	<u>Actual Slaughter</u>	<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Price</u>	<u># of Boxes</u>
02-16	2,173	5.35	69-89	78.90	7,919
02-17	2,104	5.24	69-88	78.79	4,730
02-18	2,138	5.33	69-91	79.40	5,770
02-19	2,198	5.34	69-91	80.06	8,833
02-20	2,112	5.23	69-92	79.74	6,899
Weekly	10,725	5.30	Cumulative:	79.44	34,151

**NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, week of 23-Feb-04**

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	76.36	76.36	56.57
Chicago	72.28	72.45	55.32
Detroit	73.62	73.00	56.60
Los Angeles	77.47	77.62	66.50
Composite Weighted Average	75.09	74.51	60.38

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 20-Feb-04**

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	184.88	3,084,260
Tenderloins	179.79	663,900
Breast - With Ribs	102.63	657,640
Breast - Line Run	98.05	522,360
Legs	52.25	1,659,285
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	39.50	1,964,507
Drumsticks	46.21	694,728
Thighs	49.64	361,605
B/S Thighs	114.10	344,370
Wings (Whole)	122.97	632,340

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 14-Feb-04**

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>10-Weeks Prior</u>	<u>7-Weeks Prior</u>
Eggs Set	207,625	206,646	202,449	204,376	206,014
Chicks Placed	166,259	168,779	165,871	167,623	168,328

**SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 14-FEB-04**

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	152,505	153,788	152,044
Average Live Weight	5.16	5.22	5.15
To Date 2004 (000)	921,007	768,502	-----
To Date 2003 (000)	903,375	751,331	-----

**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE:** Total frozen poultry supplies on **January 31, 2004** were down 2% from last month, and down 20% from last year. Total stocks of chicken were down 13% from last month, and down 26% from year ago. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 16% from last month, but down 9% from January 31, 2003.

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